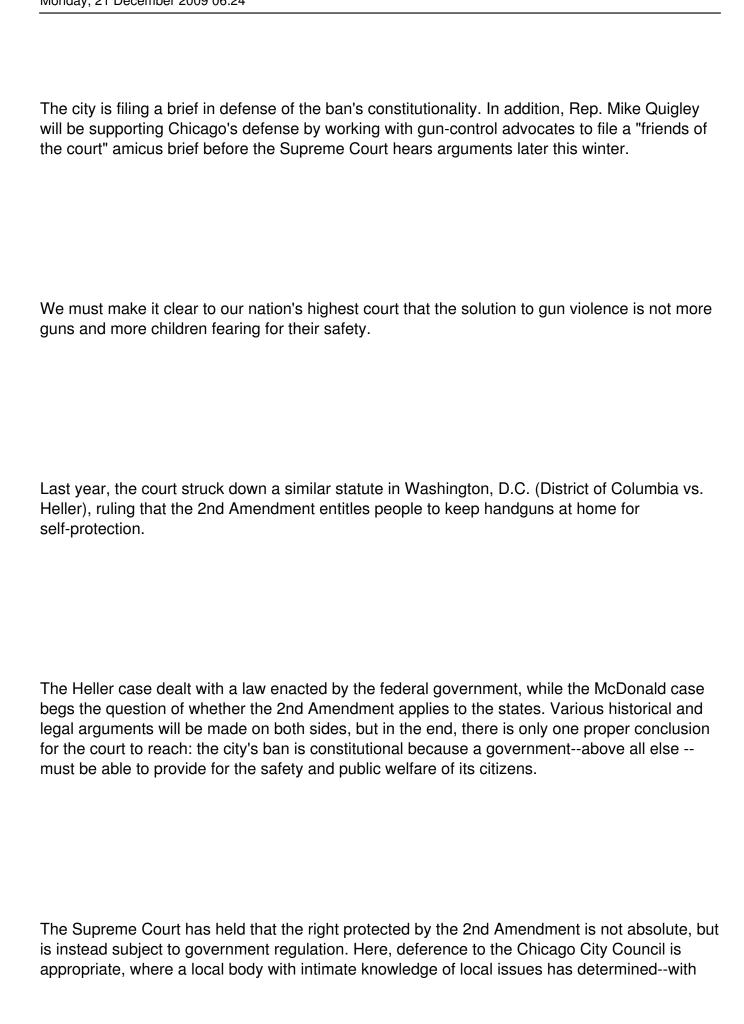
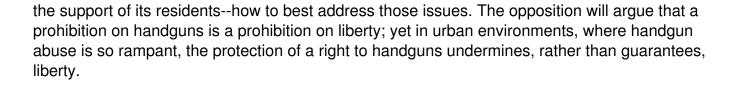
Threat to city's handgun ban jeopardizes safety of all

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challenges the gun ban's legality.





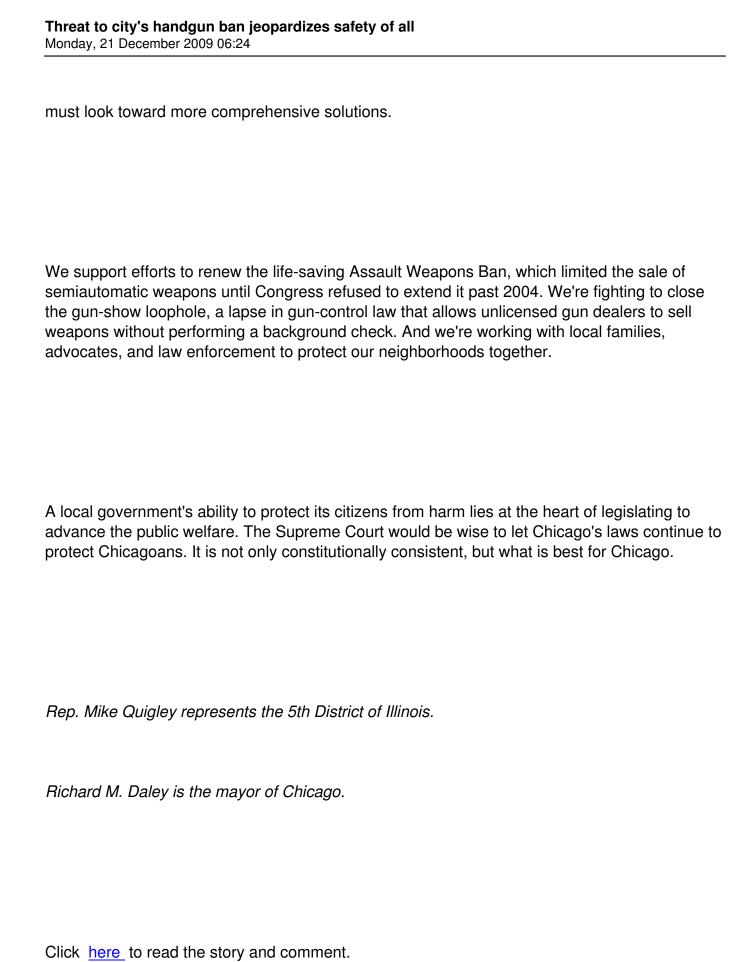


Simply put, firing a weapon on a busy city street, even in justifiable self-defense, poses a greater risk to the rights of others than firing a weapon in an open field--especially when you consider that these roads are our students' passageways to and from school.

Five hundred Chicago Public School students have been involved in a gun-related incident in the last two years. In Chicago, greater measures must be taken to protect our citizens than may be necessary in places where gangs are less prevalent.

Chicago has suffered extensive loss of life, threats to the safety and security of law enforcement personnel, disruption to its economy, and massive health care costs associated with gun violence. The 2nd Amendment does not constrain the ability of local officials to respond to the dire problems that threaten to destroy their communities.

We know, unfortunately, that Chicago's gun ban is not a panacea that single-handedly prevents other types of violence or illegal guns on our streets. That said, overturning this law would bring even more guns into Chicago homes, too many of which would make their way on to Chicago streets or be used unsafely or accidentally. It defies common sense, but reminds us that we



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